

MEXICAN NOTE GOES AS BORDER FRACAS BREWS

Communication Will Leave by Special Messenger Monday.

OFFICIALS AWAIT NEWS FROM BORDER

Refugee Ships and Transport Ships Are Held Ready.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Confirmation of General Trevino's warning that any movement of American troops in Mexico except toward the border would be treated by the Carranza commanders as a hostile act, reached the war department late today. Secretary Baker declined to comment or to make public General Trevino's message or the reply of General Pershing refusing to recognize authority of the Carranza general over the American expedition.

While it was apparent that General Pershing's reply would be backed up by officials here, it was not indicated what further action the Washington government might take. Secretary Baker took the text of General Trevino's ultimatum to the White House and conferred with the president tonight. It was understood that after studying the note the president would await official information regarding reported fighting today in the Brownsville district before he determined upon a course.

Receive No Report.

Tonight the war department had received no report on the development at Brownsville. Officials said that if Carranza troops had made any attack on American detachments following "hot trails" over the line, the Americans undoubtedly would withdraw to the American side and entrench to repel any attempt to follow them. They did not believe any counter-attack would be attempted without specific orders from Washington.

Neither state nor war department officials seemed greatly agitated over General Trevino's ultimatum. Secretary Lansing said the policy of the administration was unchanged. The reply to the Carranza note demanding recall of the American general Monday for Mexico City unless developments upset present plans.

What Will He Do?

Whether General Trevino's ultimatum, said to have been presented on specific orders of Carranza, would influence President Wilson to interrupt the diplomatic exchange, no official would predict.

Should the reply refusing to withdraw General Pershing, the war department would not be delivered for ten days or two weeks. Its text would not be made public until it had reached its destination in any event. So far as known, the war department has taken no additional steps toward mobilizing the national guard. A peculiar situation has arisen as a result of the fact that the new army bill providing for demobilization of the national guard will go into effect July 1, automatically repealing the present militia law. The new act requires state troops who participate in federal appropriations to take a dual oath of Americans and of the Kansas guard now is required to take such an oath, and unless all the remaining units take the required oath before July 1, a legal hiatus will occur in their status which may prove embarrassing. The attention of all governors has been called to this condition and they have been urged to see that their men are sworn in promptly in conformity with the law. This correspondence is said to have led to reports that the guard of various states had received orders for active service on the border.

Send Transports.

It became known today that several army transports are being held in readiness for use as refugee ships should the need arise. Whether any actually have been ordered to Mexican waters, officials would not say. The navy transport Hancock will go to Vera Cruz, however, as soon as she and her marine passengers in Santo Domingo. She should reach Vera Cruz in a few days.

Official Advice Have Indicated.

The recent border raids have created great excitement in the American colony in Mexico City. Many Americans are said to be preparing to leave. There are approximately one thousand Americans in the Mexican capital and 1,800 in and about Tampico. As a measure of precaution, the destroyer ship Panther and a number of destroyers have been ordered to Key West ready for a quick dash to the relief of Americans along the coast. It is understood also that other navy craft are being prepared for emergency use, although plans are carefully guarded.

Convict Old Man.

Special to The World.

MUSKOGEE, June 17.—Joseph Fourcart, 68 years old, was convicted of a statutory charge in district court tonight and was sentenced to one year in prison, the chief witness against him were girls of 15 years. Fourcart was at one time territory architect for Oklahoma.

Pension Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The annual pension appropriation bill, carrying \$155,000,000, passed the house today without a rollcall, after a debate devoted to many subjects other than pensions. The total is \$6,000,000 less than that of last year's bill.

BOOTLEGGERS SEE THE HANDWRITING

Are Quitting Business in Many Instances as Bartlesville Officers Get Busy.

Special to The World.

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., June 17.—In the past Oklahoma bootleggers were selling liquor a chance with state and county officers, but in the future they are going to use the "safety first" rule with federal officers, who have taken the enforcement of the prohibition law out of the hands of the state and county officers. If the same taken it is expected there will be many more convictions unless bootleggers quit the business. And with the passing of the booze business will also pass the gambling business, as the "win brothers" cannot live and thrive one without the other.

It was a recent federal ruling issued by the interior department which sounded the death knell for the booze game as far as eastern Oklahoma is concerned. Under the law it is not only a crime to introduce intoxicating liquors into the territory, but it also constitutes a felony. Bartlesville has closed and bootleggers declare they are through.

FAVOR EXPOSITION AND DURBAR, 1916

Grand Opera Practically Abandoned; Bigger Event Planned.

SOME INTERVIEWS

What Local Men of Prominence Think of Big Annual Celebration.

THE perpetuation of the Durbar, as Oklahoma's greatest municipal celebration, and the holding in connection therewith of a Merchants' & Manufacturers' exposition, free to everyone, is favored by a majority of the men of affairs of Tulsa.

Interviews secured by The World yesterday from prominent citizens in all lines of endeavor, shows an almost unanimous sentiment in favor of the Durbar.

The Durbar has been held three times. To drop it this year probably would mean its death. Its life and soul, however, is the best argument in favor of continuing it and making it an annual fall event.

Douglas' Big Idea.

Secretary C. B. Douglas, of the Chamber of Commerce, is in favor of the plan to stage the Durbar this year, and hold a great exposition in connection with it. The Durbar, with its gorgeous daylight and night illuminated pageantry, its coronation fetes and its other dazzling spectacles, would attract enormous crowds to the city. The exposition would present to the assembled multitude a concrete example of the benefits of patronizing Tulsa merchants and manufacturers.

"Convention hall is an ideal location for such an exposition," said Colonel Douglas yesterday. "We could close one or two streets adjacent to the building and by erecting a tent over them we would convert them into large machinery and automobile exhibit halls. The merchants and manufacturers would have their booths in the hall proper. It would not only attract thousands of out-of-town people, but would prove a revelation to Tulsa as well, because it would enable them to become familiar with the home products and with the lines carried by the various stores. Admission would be free, of course, and the Durbar would be a success."

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M'DARMENT FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Wagoner Instructor Found Not Guilty of Killing Edgar Watts.

Special to The World.

MUSKOGEE, June 17.—The jury in the case of Corley P. McDarmont, charged with the murder of Edgar Watts, Wagoner high school student, this morning returned a verdict of not guilty.

Edgar Watts, with Clark Moss and Dick Jones, students, who during the trial just closed admitted they did many things to "devil" the instructor, were sent to the basement for punishment the morning of February 9. Professor McDarmont followed for a conference with the boys regarding discipline. At noon he rushed from the conference where shots had been heard, crying out: "They tried to murder me in there."

Spirited to Jail.

Watts was dead and Moss shot through the head. The latter recovered and was the state's star witness against McDarmont.

Following commission of the crime citizens formed a mob to lynch the young school teacher, who was smuggled over bad roads into Muskogee to jail.

Teachers throughout the state contributed to a fund to employ a great array of criminal law experts to aid McDarmont. These lawyers left here last night when the case went to the jury, leaving an assistant who, this morning sent them the following telegram: "God is with the school-teacher."

2 CITIES FALL BEFORE FORCE SLAY OFFENSIVE

Czernowitz Almost Completely Destroyed, Radzilowa Captured.

AUSTRIAN ARMY IN FULL FLIGHT

Russians Close to Galician Border Only Sixteen Miles From Lemberg.

PETROGRAD, June 17.—(Via London.)—Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina, has been almost completely destroyed in the fierce battle that has been raging there, and the Austrian forces are being fast enveloped by Russian troops which are cutting them off from their Bukovina army, according to a telegram to the Russian press.

Russian troops have occupied the town of Radzilowa, on the railroad sixty miles northeast of Lemberg, according to the official statement issued today by the Russian army headquarters.

The drive of the Russian offensive in Volhynia, Galicia, and Bukovina shows little slackening in power, although the forward progress of General Brusiloff's armies apparently is much less rapid than in the early stages of the campaign.

From the Volhynian triangle of fortresses the Russians have thrust sharply to the west and southwest. In the former direction they are battling on the Austrian defensive line along the Sty and the Stokhod, not more than thirty miles from Kovel, the important railway junction essential to close connection between the southern Teutonic armies and those to the north.

Secure New Progress.

In the latter direction they have scored new progress and now are close to the Galician border, pushing down the railway from Dubno. The current Russian official statement reports the occupation of Radzilowa, less than ten miles from Brody, across the frontier line and approximately sixty miles northeast of Lemberg, the Galician capital, the Russian offensive has driven. Berlin records the participation of German troops in the fighting against the Russians, reporting general von Linsingen's force engaged in the Stokhod-Sty sector and others under General Count von Bismarck taking part in the battles north of Przemyśl.

Activities in Flight.

PETROGRAD, June 17.—(1 p. m., via London, 1413 p. m.)—The breaches made by the Russians on the southwestern front, spreading fan shape from thirty to forty miles in the rear of the Austrian line, now have effectively separated the three main army groups operating between the Pripiet and Bukovina. The continued retreat of the more advanced portions of the Austrian forces is occasioned, therefore, more from strategic reasons than because of actual pressure applied by the Russians.

The primary object of General Brusiloff's campaign, however, is not the retaking of lost territory, but to destroy or cripple the Austrian army. The tremendous number of prisoners taken by the Russians up to the present, roughly estimated at 165,000, with additional losses killed or wounded of 150,000, attests to the success of the Russian in accomplishing this aim.

Military commentators contrast the effect of the present Russian advance with that of the German advance last autumn, which yielded much larger gains in territory without, however, in any sense destroying the integrity of the Russian armies.

WELCOME READY FOR SHRINERS

Bartlesville Has Made All Arrangements to Entertain Pilgrims Tuesday.

Special to The World.

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., June 17.—There will not be a hitch in any of the arrangements when the Shriners make their pilgrimage here next Tuesday. Bartlesville in all ready to entertain the one thousand distinguished visitors who will be in the city, not to mention the thousands of other visitors who will be on hand. The city is decorated from top to bottom with red, white and blue, the national colors, as well as the Shriners' colors. Every business place is decorated, the city hall, courthouse, which yielded much larger gains in territory without, however, in any sense destroying the integrity of the Russian armies.

This is going to be one of the biggest days in the history of the city. The parade alone will be one of the most unique and classy affairs ever staged in the state. In the parade will be four bands, including the Adkar patrol and the justly celebrated temple band, which has won honors all over the United States. The parade will be held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. At the conclusion of the parade the Shriners will go to Dewey, where another parade will be held. At Dewey they will also be the guests of Col. J. A. Bartles, who is to stage special races for the visitors. At 6 o'clock the Shriners will return to Bartlesville, where dinner will be served. In the evening a grand ball will be held. Big delegations of Shriners are coming here from Pittsburg, Wichita, Independence and Coffeyville, Kan.; Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and many other sections of both Kansas and Oklahoma.

EXHUME LIFER'S BOL. IN PEN MURDER PROBE

VITALS OF WILLIAM IRWIN ANALYZED BY CHEMIST AFTER POISON RUMORS HEARD.

Henry Starr, W. H. Wainwright and Doc Allen Implicated in Investigation.

Special to The World.

MALESTER, June 17.—Because of suspicions of a poisoning plot, raised by stories which have been sent to the outside world, convict prison officials have had the body of William Irwin, life termer, who died last month, exhumed. Part of the brain, heart and stomach have been removed and sent to Dr. Edwin DeBarr, state chemist, for analysis. Irwin was poisoned, according to the rumor, in connection with the instance of a "forced confession" from him taking all the blame for dynamiting the Sells home in Muskogee county and relieving Doc Allen, who is also serving a life term in the same case, of blame.

Henry Starr, W. H. Wainwright and Allen are accused of being implicated in the plot to get Irwin out of the way. Prison officials at first scouted the idea of exhuming the body and then to clear up the case asked county officials for a coroner's jury. The jury viewed the body as the parts were being removed, looked over the specimen sent to the state chemist and will be assembled again when Doctor DeBarr reports, to pass upon the cause of death.

DELEGATES NAMED TO MEET IN TULSA

Republicans in All Precincts of the County Hold Caucuses.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Number Sixteen Adopts Resolution That Shows the Sentiment.

WITH the exception of one or two precincts, Republican caucuses were held yesterday and last night in every part of the county. Delegates were elected to the county convention to be held in Convention hall Friday, June 23, and plans formulated for waging a vigorous campaign in all the precincts for the county election.

Republican voters in precinct No. 8 will caucus at 7:30 o'clock Monday night in the regular voting place, at Irving school. The call was made yesterday by Precinct Committeeman E. Kopp.

The same interest was manifested in the caucuses yesterday as those held earlier in the year. There was a good turnout at every meeting. Each precinct was represented in the county by at least 10 per cent of the Republican voters.

Not only were delegates chosen in the caucuses, but the various committee men addressed the voters and urged them to succeed in the election. The county was never their grasp in the coming county, state and national elections if they will only work from now on until election time.

Skitook Alive.

Albert A. Small, chairman of the Republican county central committee, was at Skitook yesterday, where he addressed an enthusiastic Republican gathering and brought back word last night that more than one hundred and fifty from that place would attend the county convention here next Friday.

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PROHIS INVITE PROGRESSIVES

Would Welcome Orphan Party Into Fold, Chairman Sends Telegram.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Formal invitation to join the Prohibition party was extended to all members of the Progressive party in a telegram sent today by Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the Prohibition national committee, to Victor Murdock, chairman of the Progressive national committee, and George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive committee of the Bull Moose party.

Gold Output Increases.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The total gold reserve of federal reserve banks increased more than \$7,000,000 during the week ending June 16, reaching \$367,975,000, according to the board's statement today. The statement showed total resources of \$597,887,000.

INTEREST CENTERS IN CASEMENT TRIAL

Thousands Bidding for Privilege of Attending Sessions Which Begin Soon.

LONDON, June 17.—(6:54 p. m.)—Great interest is being displayed in the trial of Sir Roger Casement on the charge of high treason, which will begin a week from Monday next, and already thousands of persons have applied for the privilege of attending the sessions. Admission to the court will be by ticket only.

Michael Francis Doyle, of counsel for the prisoner, conferred yesterday with Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, regarding the case of Sir Roger, who, it has developed, recently was transferred from the Tower of London to Brixton prison, in another part of the city.

HUGHES PLANS TO CAMPAIGN WHOLE NATION

Leaders Look for Support by Roosevelt, Are Predicting Victory.

NOMINEE DODGES POLITICS IN TALK

Confers With Prominent Republicans and Maps Out Coming Fight.

Special to The World.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Charles Evans Hughes will make a country-wide speech-making tour in his fight for the presidency. His plan is to put President Wilson on the defensive by attacking the failures of the present administration, especially the part it has played in its foreign policy.

The country-wide speech-making tour will begin on or about September 1, it was said, and continue for the remainder of the two months, ending with the eve of election day.

Mr. Hughes has established his campaign headquarters at the Hotel Astor. He has laid aside his judicial seriousness with the crime of the highest court of the land, and his whole manner speaks fight and confidence. Republicans of prominence here have assured his support and are expressing the belief that not only will he have a reunited and victorious Republican party behind him, but that Colonel Roosevelt will rally to his side.

Confers With Leaders.

Mr. Hughes had a four hours' conference with Frederic C. Tanner, state chairman, and Herbert Parsons, a national committeeman from New York, today. Toward the end of the conference John Lord O'Brien of Buffalo joined the three. None would talk about the conference, which was followed by a dinner on the roof garden.

Not a word on politics could be drawn from Mr. Hughes. He said he would have nothing to add to his telegram to the convention until after he has been formally notified of his nomination, which probably will be some time the latter part of this week in this city.

Regards Attitude Made Clear.

That Mr. Hughes shared the belief of his colleagues that a small—though not a great—number of the Progressive party fighting with him and that Colonel Roosevelt not only would endorse him, but would actively support him, was evident from his cheerfulness. Subjects to get him to speak on this subject or for that matter, on anything political, brought from him a smiling, "I have nothing to say."

The same approach to an interview—though he talked freely with the newspaper men—was when, after his arrival at the Astor, he was asked how it felt to be drafted by his party for the highest office in the country. "I can only say that the more certain circumstances under which the matter of duty is extremely clear and leaves no ground for hesitancy," said Mr. Hughes. "There is no question in this situation of what I should do. I did it, and in my announcement to the country I endeavored to make my attitude clear. I see no reason at this time to add to my telegram to the convention."

Will Frank Hitchcock be chairman of the national committee? "I can't say anything on that just now."

"Will you call on or confer with President Roosevelt?"

"I have nothing to say," was the answer, given with a smile, as were all his replies.

Will Hold Conferences Here.

In answer to other questions Mr. Hughes said that he would consult here with Republican leaders in New York in the next few days, and go also to Philadelphia, where the Monday, where the class of '81 of Brown university, of which he was a member, will hold its thirty-fourth reunion.

Mr. John Jacob Astor will marry William K. Dick, according to announcement.

TITANIC WIDOW TO MARRY SUGAR MAN

Mr. John Jacob Astor Will Marry William K. Dick, According to Announcement.

NEW YORK, June 17.—The Brooklyn Eagle announces today the engagement of Mrs. John J. Astor, widow of Col. J. J. Astor, who lost his life on the steamer Titanic, to William K. Dick of Brooklyn. The wedding will take place at Bar Harbor, Maine, on June 19. Mr. Dick is a sugar refiner.

Mrs. Astor, who was Madeline Tallmadge Force, will, by her marriage, lose the income of trust fund of \$5,000,000 bequeathed to her by Colonel Astor in his will "for so long during her natural life as she shall remain my widow."

The will provided that in case of her remarriage the fund should go to Colonel Astor's son, W. Vincent Astor.

The Astor town house on Fifth avenue, New York, and its contents were also bequeathed to her under the same conditions. Mr. Dick is understood to be very wealthy. His sister married a member of the Havemeyer family of sugar manufacturers. A son, John Jacob Astor, was born to Mrs. Astor about four months after Colonel Astor's death. The will provided outright for this expected heir a trust fund of \$3,000,000.

RAILROADS EARN BILLION DOLLARS

Interstate Commerce Report Shows Stupendous Revenues of U. S. Systems.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—More than \$1,000,000,000 in operating incomes will be earned by the railways of the United States for the year ending this month.

An interstate commerce commission report today showed that during the ten months ending with April operating revenues of the roads amounted to \$2,297,817,962, indicating a total of approximately \$3,250,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year, and operating expenses were \$1,827,816,880, indicating a total of about \$2,250,000,000 for the year.

Net revenue from railway operations during the ten months was \$470,001,082, but deductions for income taxes and uncollectible revenues brought the reported operating income to \$181,743,153.

Operating income per mile of the roads was \$2.97 for the ten months, compared with \$2.66 in the same period last year.

In the eastern district the operating income per mile was \$3.35, compared with \$3.03 last year's period; in the southern district \$2.18, compared with \$1.97, and in the western district \$2.78, compared with \$2.10.

GIRLS TESTIFY IN ORPET MURDER CASE

Tell of Actions of Lambert Girl Before Day of Her Death.

SHE SEEMED HAPPY

Unveil Intimate Happenings in Clandestine Love Affair.

Special to The World.

WAUKESHA, Ill., June 17.—The state today brought a bevy of 18-year-old girls to court to impeach the testimony of Josephine Davis, the girl who testified that she saw the alleged murder of Marion Lambert.

There were 14 of these girls, who attended Marion's 18th birthday party on February 6, three days before her death. Bernice Wells, the first to take the stand, testified that Marion seemed happy at the party and that she did not see her cry, as Miss Davis testified she did.

"So far as you know, were Josephine and Marion alone at any time during the party?" asked State Attorney Ralph J. Dady.

"Not as far as I know," she testified.

Cross-Examination by Attorney

Ralph F. Potter, he asked:

Seemed happy.

"Did Marion always appear gay—gayer than others—as if she were trying to hide her troubles behind a mask of gaiety?"

"I would not say that—she just seemed happy."

Florence Russell, the next witness, testified she and two friends spent the night of the party with Marion. Anna Paulson, who always had done so, was unable to stay.

"Did you see Josephine Davis take Marion aside into a room?" asked Mr. Dady.

"No, sir."

"Were you on intimate terms with Marion?"

"Yes, sir."

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Confer on Road Building.

Special to The World.

BINGHAM, Okla., June 17.—County Commissioner W. P. Harwell this week conferred with James Tallaferra, commissioner of Carter county, and with Love and Stephens county officials relative to the joint construction of county lane highways.

Mr. Tallaferra probably will arrange for spending considerable of the road fund of his district in assisting Mr. Harwell in improving the Carter-Jefferson county road leading to the Healdton oil field.

HOWATT AWARDED VERDICT OF \$7,000

Mine Association President Gets Damages for Alleged Slander.

Special to The World.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17.—Alexander Howatt, president of the Kansas district, United Mine Workers of America, was awarded a verdict of \$7,000 damages against Joseph H. Hazen of Mulberry, Kan., by a jury here today. The jury refused to grant Howatt damages from Charles S. Keith and other defendants in his \$50,000 suit for slander.

Keith alleged he had paid Hazen a large sum of money to be given Howatt and another official for their influence in formulating a new wage contract with the miners' union. Howatt maintained he never had received the money. Hazen did not appear as a witness at the trial, although his deposition alleging he had given the money to the union official was read.

Verdict Vindicates.

Howatt in a statement today declared the verdict vindicated him completely.

"We, the jury, find in favor of the plaintiff, Alexander Howatt, against Joseph H. Hazen, and assess the compensatory damages at \$3,500 and the punitive damages at \$3,500."

"We, the jury, find in favor of Charles S. Keith and the Central Coal & Coke Co."

The jury was out two days. The trial lasted four weeks.

Getting Crop in Shock.

GUTHRIE, Okla., June 17.—Farmers are just closing their wheat harvest, the fine weather of the past few days and the moonlight nights being fully utilized in getting the crop in the shock in fine shape. The yield will be about 50 per cent of the usual crop, but the grade of berry is the finest for years, some of it being estimated as high as 60 and 64 pounds.

U. S. SOLDIERS ENTER MEXICO WITH MESOPOTAMIA

Third Cavalry Sleeps on Arms Across Border Despite Threats.

IS PREPARED TO MAKE FIGHT

Skirmishes With Bandits Result in Killing One Outlaw.

Special to The World.

BROWNVILLE, Texas, June 17.—The second squadron of the Third United States cavalry, upwards of four hundred strong, is sleeping tonight on Mexican soil, less than ten miles from Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite here, where the Mexican population, fully armed with pistols and rifles, is awaiting developments with anxiety. The soldiers' crossing was accompanied by the pursuit of the cavalry, under command of Major Edward Anderson and Lieutenant Newman, on a "hot trail" of Mexican bandits, who attacked detachments of the Twenty-sixth infantry near San Benito last night.

Crossing, which was started at 10 o'clock, had finished at sundown without mishap of any kind at a point about ten miles northwest of here. The point of crossing is known as Narajon, a small Mexican river settlement. Within half an hour after the first troops had crossed, volleys of shots were heard from the brushy outskirts of the Mexican side of the river, indicating that at least a part of the thirty bandits had been encountered. They were known to have been chased across the river by Lieutenant A. D. Newman and troop H of the Third. No casualties on either side attended the crossing.

Establish Wireless.

A field wireless apparatus has been established on the American side of the river tonight, which will keep in close touch with the fourth punitive expedition into Mexico.

Troop H was the first body of soldiers to cross the river. Most of the day these soldiers exchanged sniping with bandits after the small expedition had crossed the Rio Grande, but the sole casualty was a Mexican bandit's horse. It was brought to the bank of the Rio Grande as a souvenir.

After an all night chase, Lieutenant Newman's troops ran the bandits which attacked the infantry detachment from a point east of the sleeping town of San Benito, 15 miles to the bank of the Rio Grande, near the San Pedro ranch. Here the band apparently split in two sections, one crossing the river above the ranch and the other below. The cavalry followed by the northern river.

Fight Marauders.

At 11 o'clock this morning, after spending one hour on Mexican soil, Lieutenant Newman's command came into contact with the marauders. A lively though bloodless skirmish ensued, neither being able to see the other on account of the dense brush.

After crossing this river, Newman dispatched a messenger to inform headquarters at Fort Brown of his crossing. The messenger, a private of troop H, lost his horse in the middle of the Rio Grande and swam to the other side, almost losing his own life.

The trail of blood, followed last night by the cavalry, led to the body of a Mexican peon. His only possessions were two bullet holes, a rifle and some ammunition. He carried no papers which might have disclosed his name or affiliations.

Situation Serious.

The situation in Matamoros tonight was serious. Every business house in the town was closed, with the exception of one saloon. In this rendezvous were gathered army officers, who gave out threats calculated to arouse the already alarmed populace into a frenzy.

General Alfredo Riescut, commander of the Matamoros garrison, did not learn of the crossing of American troops into Mexico until early in the afternoon. He then called the population of the town together at his headquarters, where he distributed rifles, pistols and ammunition to men, boys and even girls. By mid-afternoon, a local fifteen hundred men were patrolling the streets under full arms.

Consul J. J. Garza who has been making efforts to avoid a clash between Americans and Mexicans on the Mexican side, tonight held a conference with General James Parker. The result of this conference was not disclosed here.

It was reported tonight that Antonio Pizack, the alleged bandit leader, said to have been implicated in the last summer's raids who was held in Matamoros, had disappeared.

Find Body of Judge in Swamp.

Bullet Holes in Heart and Skull Crushed; Missing Two Days.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., June 17.—The body of Judge W. T. Slawter was found late today in a sluggish ten miles from here with two bullet holes in the heart and the skull crushed. He had been missing since Wednesday. Recently he was renominated after a spirited political fight.

Getting Crop in Shock.

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